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Walter Kerr, editor and publisher ''The American Abroad,'' Zurich, at OPC. Left to right: Vice President Ansel Talbert, Harrison Salisbury, Henry Gellermann, Walter Kerr, President John Luter and ex-President Thomas Whitney.

DEMOCRACY IN EUROPE TERMED GIFT OF U.S.

"Without the United States, Europe could not remain democratic at present," in the opinion of Dr. Franz Meyers, President of the German Bundesrat and Minister-President of North-Rhine Westphalia.

Dr. Meyers — whose official status in the Bonn Republic is equivalent to that of Vice President here — was guest at an OPC press conference Friday, May 26.

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Often mentioned as possible successor to

Meyers

Dr. Adenauer, he parried querries on this point.

Answering questions, Dr. Meyers said that the Eichmann case is "receiving the greatest attention in the German press and on radio and TV."

Eichmann "could not properly be (Continued on page 7)

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QUADROS TO PROBE

President Janio Quadros.

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ALIEN NEWS AGENCIES

Justice Department of "conduct of for-

eign news agencies" has been ordered by

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An investigation by the Brazilian

Accusing them of "circulating un-

He has been quoted as opposed to "Brasil being dragged into intervention hysteria."

At the same time, plans have been revealed for setting up a Brazilian newsgathering agency operating through the embassies abroad, and for activating a broadcast propaganda campaign in other Latin American countries.

press observers in Brasilia take comfort in constitutional guarantees of press freedom as a protection against a censor-ship campaign developing.

OPC Urged to Take Role of "Watchdog" In Foreign Coverage

by Ruth Lloyd

The sweep of events tearing France apart was pictured in a poignant review by veteran correspondent Walter Kerr at the OPC "report from abroad," May 25.

Kerr, formerly New York Herald Tribune's bureau chief in Moscow, Paris and Washington, is publisher of "The American Abroad," a monthly magazine published in Zurich.

(His address to OPC came on the eve of the court martial of Generals Maurice Challe and Andre Zeller.)

In a critique of foreign coverage by American newspapers, Mr. Kerr urged that OPC take on a role as "Watchdog of foreign news coverage."

The torment of France in breaking with the past is far from finished, Kerr reported.

The Algerian generals failed, because of the complete immobility of the army officer corps, and of a public steeped in anarchy," Kerr said. "The next conspiracy may bring down De Gaulle. No responsible individual or group is on hand to fill the vacuum."

Kerr was in Paris when the generals and colonels revolted. He went to Algiers as soon as the revolt was ended.

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JOT THESE DATES ON YOUR

CALENDAR

Tues., June 6 - Open House: Discussion of problems of Southeast Asia, with five members of the Parliament of Ceylon, including the Majority Leader, Hon. C. P. Desilva, and the Leader of the Principal Opposition, Hon. N. M. Pereira. See story, page 3.

Cocktails 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please.

Thurs., June 8 - Book Night: John B. Oakes, author of 'The Edge

of Freedom.' Moderator: John Barkham. Cocktails, 6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, please. Real

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Overseas Ticker



. Edited by THOMAS B. DORSEY ...

ROME..... from SAM'L STEINMAN

Newsweek's new ed, Osborne Elliott and wife, inspecting Roman scene with Bill Peppers as part of his round of buros.

Hank "Dennis the Menace" Ketchum and wife here from Geneva for first look at Eternal City. Despite his European life and travels, "Dennis" will remain "a typically American boy in typically U.S. situations."

UPI's European veep, Tom Curran and wife, off for Egypt after stay here.

Variety Ed Abel Green is giving our town's film and nite life a one-week turn following a look at Cannes Film Festival. His third European week will be devoted to Paris.

Robert Shand, NYDlyNews m.e., and wife touring Italy with Rome corr Reynolds Packard.

AP World Service Chief Stan Swinton here May 26 prior to attending I.P.P. (Intl Press Institute) confab in Tel Aviv. Also thru here on way to I.P.P.: Raymond Rhodes, gen. mgr., San Jose Mercury & News.

Back from Geneva and off to King Hussein wedding in Amman, Jordan: AP Photog Jim Pringle...Off to California on home leave: AP's Stan Carter and wife.

Your corr off for two months of work in Majorca.

Many OPCers in Venice this week for Intl Public Relations confab, including Walton Cloke, prexy of the expiring APRA, and Barnet and Reef Associates' heads, Sylvan M. Barnet Jr. & wife and Arthur Reef & wife.

MEXICO CITY....from ROBERT S. BENJAMIN

(ED'S NOTE: Ticker welcomes back Bob Benjamin as OPC corr for Mexico replacing departed Art Diggle)

Newly arrived U.S. Ambassador Thomas Mann held informal get-together briefing with all Amer corrs in Mexico and consensus of corps is that new delegate is "muy simpatico," knows his business and will be good for press to "work with."

Rounds of farewells continue for Charlie & Betty Guptill, AP chief for past 10 years here, as do rounds of welcome for his replacement, Morris 'Maury' Rosenberg.

Dan & Jessie James hosted party in their panorama penthouse for former Press Attache Art Diggle & bride. After California honeymoon and Washington sojourn, Diggle joins Embassy in Caracas.

Newsweek's Hal Levine off to Brasilia...CBS' Stuart Novins in and out as rumor persists CBS will open buro here.

UPI's John Alius and ChiDlyNews'

Gerry Robichaud on radio panel here discussing U.S. popularity in Latin America. Conclusion of panelists: Americans are better liked than we suppose. But Latins don't like our government.

GENEVA and EVIAN....

from BERNARD S. REDMONT

A second wave of newsmen poured into Geneva and Evian a week after the opening of the conference on Laos to cover Algerian peacetalks under a double dateline.

The dismal press headquarters bar in Geneva, which in the words of the *New York Times'* Russell Baker, "resembles a third-class dining room on a lesser trans-Atlantic liner," and the similar Maisen de la Presse in Evian, became the correspondents' home away from home for an indefinite period.

Many newsmen had to shuttle 25 miles back and forth between the two, unless their organizations were affluent enough to maintain more than one correspondent on the shores of Lake Geneva.

Security precautions were tight around the Algerians' villa outside of Geneva, and trigger-happy Swiss recruits more than once fired warning rifle shots over the heads of what may have been overenterprising cameramen or merely a stray cat in the brush. Border guards searched cars on many occasions, even when they bore Conference stickers on the windshield.

The Algerians held some of their briefings at the Geneva press house through a unique new system of two-way radio-television on a closed circuit linking up with their villa. The hundreds of newsmen assembled in a briefing room of the Geneva Maison de la Presse were seen and heard by the Algerian leaders, and viewed and heard the Algerians on a huge screen. The system worked, thanks to Swiss ingenuity.

The French, to make up for the relative news blackout agreed to by both sides, sponsored a weekend junket to the Algerian war fronts, so that newsmen could observe the unilateral cease-fire.

Social activity and partying was virtually nil for both conferences, but the Chinese Communists passed out tea and Peking cigarettes along with their helpings of the Red line on Laos, and once they threw a reception lubricated with Chinese vodka of such nuclear potency

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Issue Editor: Leon Theil
Bulletin Committee Chairman;
Richard J.H. Johnston
Managing Editor: Marge Eklund

PUBLIC LIBRARY HONORS OPC AT ANNIVERSARY



CITATION: "In recognition of its devotion for and stimulus to the highest standards in the field of communication."

Gilbert W. Chapman, president of the N.Y. Public Library, presented the 50th anniversary medal and citation to the Overseas Press Club in recognition of the Club's important role in international communications at the luncheon concluding a three-day observance.

President John Luter, a special guest at the library luncheon, introduced Frank Moraes, the featured speaker and noted author and editor-in-chief of the Express newspaper of India. Luter accepted the medallion, designed by Leonard Baskin, before the gathering of 300 members of New York City's Communications industry.

John Luter thanked Mr. Chapman saying: "As a newsman, and on behalf of the OPC, may I congratulate the N.Y. Public Library on its half century of growth, achievement and service to the cause of knowledge. The Overseas Press Club, as you know, has just moved into this neighborhood. But to most of our members and to others in the communications business, the N.Y. Public Library is an old and valued friend. Our club members are happy to have quarters just across the street. We wish that everyone might have so fine a neighbor."

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that a Soviet correspondent gasped, "One may say that our own vodka is not the most powerful in the world." The reception ended with an hour of films showing Chinese jugglers and acrobats, preceded by an English-language propaganda short.

The sole bright spot in the endless round of non-brief briefings was pretty, 20-year-old Princess Moune, daughter of neutralist Laotian Prince Souvanna Pheuma, and spokesman for her delegation, who, dressed in a golden Laotian gown known as a "sin," was quickly dubbed "Miss Sex-Appeal."

Correspondents all felt, after a couple of weeks, that they had virtually earned the Kingdom of Laos highest decoration, known as "The Order of One Million Elephants and The One White Umbrella."

The following newsmen came in the second wave to Geneva and Evian for U.S. media:

Waverley Root, WashPost; Bernard Kaplan, MontrealStar; Paul Ghali, Chi-DlyNews; Tom Nuzum, ChiTribune; Serge Pliegers, Hearst; Sanche de Grament, NYHeraldTrib; Joseph Barry, NYPost.

Richard Kallsen and Tony Pell, CBS; Robert Doty, Thomas Brady and James Reston, NYTimes; Joseph Alsop, columnist; Bernard Valery and Walter B.Schuck, NYDlyNews.

CEYLONESE MPs AT OPC JUNE 6

Ceylon's conflicting views on the U.S. position in world affairs will be aired by opposing members of the Ceylonese Parliament at an OPC Open House June 6, it has been announced.

Members will have an unusual opportunity, in an unrestricted questionand-answer period, to present the American cause to a group of five Ceylonese MPs.

The Hon. C.P. Desilva, majority leader, and the Hon. N.M. Pereira, opposition leader, are heading the group on a U.S. tour.

Several American press correspondents at the U.N. are expected to attend. Questions from these members, relating to recent Ceylonese votes at UN, are expected to clarify the country's recent foreign policy trends.

David Mason, AP; Ed Behr, Time-Life; John P. Armstrong, Scranton Times; Paul Cremona, ChiSciMon; Roland H. Shackford, Scripps-Howard; John J. Travieso, AFN.

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Kerr Hits Press Coverage Abroad, Urges OPC Be "Watchdog"

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Hits Press Coverage

"This great news story, full of menace for the future," Kerr declared, "was covered haphazardly by a press that seems to gone have sleep.

"If I read our newspapers correctly, it is their

Lloyd

understanding that four retired generals and a number of French Army colonels seized power in Algeria, sought to invade the mainland and failed because a majority of the Army was loyal to Gen. De Gaulle," Kerr said.

"These are myths carefully put out by every conceivable organ of propaganda at the command of the state, myths swallowed by the American press.

Press Failure Seen

"In the excitement of those four days when Algeria was cut off from the mainland, it was difficult if not impossible to get at the truth. Official statements blotted out reason and had men hanging out of the windows looking for paratroopers that never came.

"But later when it became possible to determine the truth, no one went after it. The story was over. Dead.

"The members of the press and their editors were either too busy, too preoccupied, too self-satisfied or too lazy to try to find out what really had been happening.

Kerr blamed "immobility" of the Army both for the revolt's failure and for the failure of orders to crush the rebellion by force.

The conspirators never planned to invade the mainland, he declared, but meant simply to seize Algeria, to "prevent De Gaulle from giving Algeria away."

Dissidence Exists

Kerr declared that dissidence exists on a scale that is possible to stamp out.

"Eight regiments actively participated yet only four were dissolved. Why not all eight? You cannot dismiss the entire officer corps, or you have no army.

"The Prime Minister's office advises against measures of extreme severity. Nothing that can be termed a major purge is taking place today.

"But this is not the story given the American reader — or listener.

"Editors say people don't read foreign news," Kerr declared. "They don't get it. Short of an action story that can be handled by any high-school graduate with six months training, it's dead. It's incomplete, it's uninformative; it's misleading. And it's boring.

Asks Post-Mortems

"Why no post-mortems? If we can't find out what is happening today - and evidently we can't - at least let's try to find out what happened last week.

"De Gaulle doesn't like NATO, the way it is set up. He wants his own atomic weapons, his own finger on the trigger.

"De Gaulle believes that the U.S. will not 'commit suicide' for an ally. I suppose he knows he won't. He thinks we won't.

Doubts U.S. Aid

"Therefore, he holds, if France should be threatened in 1970 the U.S. will not come to its aid.

"So, De Gaulle says, France must be able to retaliate on its own; and he thinks that if France can destroy three Russian cities, the Russians will not move.

"Now - it's possible he may be wrong on this. He may be right.

"But this I do believe: what De Gaulle thinks, what he does are news; it's not enough to ignore the substance of his stand and write only of 'grandeur."

Mr. Kerr blamed the situation on a claim that "most stories now originate with native stringers out of translations of local newspapers. There are only a relative handful of trained American correspondents permanently stationed overseas."

"I think the British are doing a better job than we are; at least they are covering their own stories, the ones they think amount to anything.

Job For OPC

"Since no one else is doing the job. I'd like to see the Overseas Press Club assume a responsibility.

"I'd like to see it function as a watchdog of foreign news coverage in this country.

"Analyze the foreign report once a

"If you find an editor who is trying to improve foreign coverage, say so; give him a hand, give him a boost; no one else will. No Pulitzer Prizes are given for him.

"If an agency starts cutting back its staff, say so. Look over the field. Are we probing deeply enough? Are we just taking the handouts?

Blames Newspapers

"Newspapers get what they pay for nothing more. According to Editor and Publisher, newspapers think they are doing a great job; they are only troubled by labor costs and the price of newsprint.

"At their trade meetings they congratulate each other; everybody says he scooped everybody else. The agencies report they are bigger and better than ever. And the editors eat it up.

"I think it's time the newspaper business did something about it; and I think it's time the members of the OPC made it their business to see that it does.

"If you do, you will render a great service to newspapers, to editors, to reporters overseas, and to the reader."



HIN HEUP, LAOS - A new "Press Club" was inaugurated recently in Laos at Hin Heup, original site of the ceasefire talks. Charter members are: (front row, left to right) Don Huth, AP; Wade Bingham, CBS; Pete Kalischer, CBS; Mike Mulloy, UPI; (back row, left to right); John Dominis, Life; Fred Waters, AP. (Photo taken by Jacques Nevard, NYTimes)

PEOPLE & PLACES

"Bill" (Sir Barclay) Crmerod of B.I.S. one of OPC's best-beloved members, is ill with virus pneumonia as this issue goes to press. He is at his home at the Hotel Pierre.

STORK CLUB: Martin Luray, Senior Editor of Ski Life and Editorial Director of Ski Business, & wife Edith welcomed second child, Jonathan David, on May 19.

TRAVELLING: B. Wierzblanski of Foreign News Services Inc. to Tel Aviv to attend International Press Institute Assembly; later to Middle East, Italy and England...Paul Alley sailed for No. Africa, Italian and French Riviera with motion picture crew to film Mediterranean holiday for American Export Lines... U.N. correspondent Marguerite Cartwright visiting West Germany as guest of government...After a swing through the new nations in the bulge of West Africa, including a side trip to Timbuktu, Karrisen Forman is now in Ghana.

Norbert Muhlen returned from trip to Haiti and Dominican Republic.

Adele Nathan in Niagara Falls in connection with the development of Niagarama.

William Freeman, NYTimes, will give the chief address at the Fourth International Powder Metallurgy Congress, to be held in Reutte, the Tyrol, Austria, June 20-24.



Richard Joseph, Esquire Travel Editor, (left) receives travel trophy from Gordon Gilmore, Vice President of PR for TWA. Trophy designates top sweepstakes award for travel writing in the magazine class in the 23rd annual TWA writing and picture competition, the ninth such award Mr. Joseph has received. Arnold Gingrich, Publisher of Esquire Magazine, looks on.

AWARDS: Dick Milbauer Newsfilm, USA, has received award for the second time for Best Public Service TV Spot... Martin Caidin, WNEW Radio's Aerospace Correspondent, won the James J. Strebig Memorial Trophy for the second time.... Gregor Zeimer received the Silver Anvil award of American P.R. Association, for workshop he created for American Foundation for the Blind.

PUBLICATIONS: The third edition of Headlines and Deadlines by Robert E. Garst and Theodore M. Bernstein, assistant managing editors of the N.Y. Times, with a foreword by Edward W. Barrett. dean of the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, published this month... Edward A. Walsh, Fordham University journalism head, wrote Why Good Men Leave Newspaper Work for the Spring issue of The American Editor. His review of Francis Sugrue's Popes in the Modern world recently appeared in the N.Y. Herald Tribune Book Review Section Norm Sklarewitz has articles in the June issue For Men Only and the July issue of Coronet....Arthur Unger, editor & publisher of Datebook Magazine, now doing a syndicated column for Womens News Service called Young Ideas....Horace Sutton, Robert Littell, Brian O'Brien and W.L. White have articles in the June Reader's Digest....Roland Gammon has article on How To Start A Church in the June issue of Christian Herald and a feature on Buddhism in the June issue of Think Magazine.... United Features is carrying a four-part Spotlight Special on the \$100,000,000 racket, Astrology, by Fred Kerner.... Br. Wilfred Funk's Word Shelf recently published.

VISITORS: David Mizrahi, corr. of Le Soir and On Commerce du Levant, both published in Beirut, Lebanon visited on Wed., May 24. Another visitor to the Club was Stan Carter.

FRENCH WEST INDIES DINNER

The music, cuisine, beverages and crafts of the French West Indies were introduced to the OPC at the Regional Dinner on May 23 — the first to take place in the new clubhouse and the last of the current season. Vice President Hal Lehrmann presided.

The menu was planned by co-chairman Myra Valdo in collaboration with Mme. M. Georges de Lepine of Martinique.

The main door prize, a giant French West Indian doll, from Maurice Bellon Guadeloupe, was won by *Lillian Genn*. Samples of Millot's Crepe de Chine perfume, from Robert Albert, Martinique, were given each guest.

Entertainment was provided by violinist, Raoul Lise and Martinique songs were sung by Marguerite Combette and Emanuel L'Elie. Co-chairman Lawrence G. Blochman was emcee.

OPCers, EXPERTS ALL: THIS ONE COVERS SEX

Duncan MacDougald Jr., OPC member and free lance writer, has contributed three articles to a new \$30, 2-volume "Encyclopedia of Sexual Behavior." This is the largest contribution by any one contributor. Hawthorn Books, Inc., reports that 5,000 copies — the entire first edition — have been sold to purchasers with less casual an interest in the subject than most.

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DINNER AWARDS COMMITTEE: REPORTS PROFIT OF \$3,500

Dinner Awards Committee: Gross income of \$19,000 and a net profit of \$3,500 made the annual awards dinner a financial success, in addition to the fine results from a social standpoint.

A turnout of 850 members and guests enjoyed the program of awards presentation, talk by Sir Leslie Munro, and the entertainment of comedian Bob Newhart and singer Eleanor Steber.

The dominating interest in the awards selections made by the committee headed by John Denson has led the Dinner Committee to urge serious consideration of a plan to eliminate the guest talk and focus attention on the honors list.

The committee feels that the awards presentation is more fully an expression of club interest.

The experience of this year's dinner committee has been that a price reduction of \$5 per couple did not materially affect the turnout.

Coupled with an increase in the catering budget, this decreased net profit by \$2,000, but since money is not the object the committee recommends that the policy of lower price and finer dinner be continued.... Ben Grauer, Chairman

OF \$7,000 ESTIMATED

Dateline Committee: Dateline 1961 grossed \$14,400. This is approximately \$1200 less than last year and has, of course, affected our net profit. The drop in total revenue reflects the depressed economic conditions during the period in which we were operating.

The \$14,400 represents 42 pages of advertising, down 4 pages over 1960. However, we have established a policy of selling DATELINE for 50¢ per copy to organizations requiring quantities. This may increase the total volume.

The Overseas Press Club owes a vote of thanks to VISION Magazine for its complete cooperation in making DATELINE so outstanding. They furnished wonderfully talented people who gave unstintingly of their time.

The following members of the Committee were responsible for its success: Peggy Boomer, David Bressen, W. Richard Bruner, Milton Caniff, Kenneth Ford, Bernard Frazier, Igor Gordevitch, John Groth, Marilyn Hoffner, Walter Joyce, Kurt Lassen, William MacLeish, Cornelius Ryan, Velma Stout, Clarke Wells, Joseph Willicombe, Jr., and Ben Zwerling.

It is further recommended that suitable office space be made available to DATE-

LINE on an all-year basis, to store files, cuts and material for succeeding issues.

Respectfully submitted,
.....Arthur G. Milton, Chairman
.....Woodrow Wirsig, Co-Chairman

CHARTER FLIGHT COMMITTEE URGES EARLY 1962 START

Charter Flight Committee: One of the first follow-up results of the first chartered flight under OPC auspices has been the organization of a chapter among London members.

Cocktail parties for the charter flight travelers were organized by Curt Heymann and 40 Paris members and by Russell Anderson and 38 residents of London.

The chapter organizing in Europe stems from the experience of the 1956 charter flight to South America, when local groups got together with the visitors. No attempt was made to form a chapter of the Paris group because of the number of news organizations already there.

The amount of work involved in preparing for the charter flight may be indicated by the fact that it was sold out two and a half times to provide the final full passenger load.

It is recommended that, to aid in the 1962 program, a committee and chairman be appointed early in the year, and that a part-time paid staff member be assigned to charter flight projects. It is also recommended that a \$10 nonreturnable registration fee be assessed on members signing up for future flights, to help defray overhead and to eliminate listings not seriously intended.

Although only eight members signed up for the proposed press tour of Ireland, sufficient interest was shown to warrant another try.

The chairman of the committee wishes to thank Admiral Harold B. Miller, DeWitt S. Davidson, Malcolm McTear Davis, Gordon L. Gilmore, Richard Joseph, Robert S. Kane and Louis J. Garcia, Frank Wachsmith and his office for perusal of contracts, waivers and other material, Lucille Pierlot, and Mrs. Marian Cousens.

2 PROVOCATIVE PROGRAMS BY BOOK NIGHT COMMITTEE

Book Night Committee: The Book Night Committee was formed late in the season this year and consequently was not able to put on the usual number of book programs.

However, on January 26 we presented an evening devoted to books on the Algerian question and France. The books under discussion were "France: Troubled Ally," by Edgar S. Furniss, Jr.; "The DeGaulle Nobody Knows," by Alden Hatch.

The panel discussing these books was made up of Joe Kraft, OPC Award

winner for his report on Algeria; Frank White, assistant manager of Time-Life International; and Abdelkadir Chanderli, Algerian F.L.N. representative in the U.S. The evening was moderated by Hal Lehrman, a specialist in Algerian affairs himself.

The other book evening was devoted to a discussion of "The Necessity for Choice," by Henry A. Kissinger. Frank Gibney moderated the panel discussion, and Oskar Morgenstern, professor of political economy at Princeton, and Edmund Stillman, a writer and specialist in Eastern European questions contributed their points of view, along with the author concerning U.S. problems of national security.

The evening planned for James Michener and his current book, "Report of a County Chairman," had to be cancelled because the author had to depart suddenly for Spain.

.....Anita Diamant, Vice-Chairman, ..Will Oursler & Frank Gibney, Chairman

MORE EXHIBITS SEEN IN NEW CLUB QUARTERS

Exhibition Committee: The report of this committee covers the final months of 1960 and the first months of 1961. During this time three exhibitions were held at the Club:

An exhibition of photographs by Inge Morath from the book, "Bring Forth the Children" (text by Yul Brynner). This exhibit comprised approximately 30 enlargements of refugees in the camps of Europe and the Middle East.

An exhibition of photographs by several photographers, including photographs by OPC member *Dick Hanley* from the book "Money, Money, Money" by Ralph Martin and Morton D. Stone.

An exhibition in conjunction with the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of TRUE Magazine, of a picture story by Sid Latham on the "Survival of Strategic Air Command Crews in Florida Training."

In the opinion of your Chairman, the new clubhouse will at last afford the possibility of presenting serious photographic exhibits. The room on the third floor seems adaptable for this purpose, and without jeopardizing its other function as a room for press conferences. In the new quarters the OPC has an opportunity to present photography, and particularly press photography, in a way befitting the basic purposes of the Club.

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.... John G. Morris, Chairman

tried in Germany — we have no capital punishment," he said, and added: "I consider Israel is an individual state; they have their own legal authority and I do not dispute it. He is getting a fairer deal than he afforded to anyone with whom he had to deal."

There Was A Hot Time In The Old Town, Paris, That Night



Ruby Phillips Describes Her Ouster After Nearly 30 Years In Havana

By R. Hart Phillips (New York Times)

Today it is impossible for an American correspondent to report, from Cuba, the complete picture of Fidel Castro's Cuba.

The first handicap is being an American. One of the American correspondents who was arrested during the week following the invasion tells the story that when he was brought into the army intelligence headquarters or G-2 he saw an American woman and her 11-year-old daughter.

Apparently the woman was being released, he said. The little girl looked up at the correspondent and said: "What's your crime — being an American?"

After being a correspondent in Cuba since the thirties, and having seen eleven changes of administration, most of them accompanied by violence, one becomes inured to all types of government—even dictatorships like that of Batista. Cubans are always inclined to see only one side of a question. However, the complete conviction of Fidel Castro and his government that every correspondent who is not willing to support his revolution enthusiastically is an enemy is startling.

When communications were reestablished just after the invasion, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs assured the Swiss Embassy that American correspondents were free to file stories.

However, it was apparent that G-2 had other ideas and they continued to look for some of the American correspondents. By that time most of the American correspondents were either in prison or residing in foreign embassies.

I was not arrested although I was 'detained' for a couple of hours, being taken by G-2 from my house in Miramar suburb to my office — which was being searched. They wanted me to open an old safe with a combination and to explain why they found a revolver in the office.

I showed them the license for the gun, which they seized along with all my office equipment such as television, tape recorders, radios, cameras. Just before I left Havana I received a notice from the Ministry of Interior stating that unless I renewed my license this month they would be forced to seize the gun.

The difficulty and delay suffered by the American correspondents in leaving Cuba was due to the fact that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had to obtain the consent of G-2 to our departure before any permit could be issued to us. Paris OPCers and charter flight members joined at a gala reception honored by the presence of U.S. Ambassador Gen. James M. Gavin and Mrs. Gavin, U.S. Minister to Paris the Hon. Cecil B. Lyon, and John L. Hedges, press attache.

Arranged by OPCer Curt Heymann, the reception was attended by close to 200 members, wives and guests.

Seen in the above photograph at the Hotel Crillon are, left to right: Bulletin M. E. Lucille Pierlot; Curt Heymann, Mr. Lyon, committee chairman Madeline D. Ross, Mrs. Gavin, Curt Prendergast of Time Life's Paris office, and Ambassador Gavin.

French-Algerian Parley Gives Press Trappings Of War In Land Of Peace

It was a peace conference at Evian Les Bains, reports The Associated Press London Log. But to casual passersby, it looked like war.

Newsmen driving to Evian for the French-Algerian peace talks had to pass three gendarme and police barriers, some backed up by halftracks, on a winding road leading to the Alpine spa. Depending on the whims of the authorities, journalists were either waved by after flashing a red-striped yellow card, or were forced to wait in long lines while cars, trucks and even bicycles were searched for bombs and guns.

Jean-Jacques Levy, an AP Paris photographer, reported he went past the barriers several times with ease, but then his car was stopped and police gave it the fine-comb treatment. Seat cushions were turned up, the glove compartment was searched and an officer looked under the car.

Police and French and Swiss customs officers questioned passing newsmen to find out what was happening around the peace table.

"Have you heard of any bombs going off?" a nervous Swiss officer asked AP newsman David Mason who traveled

back and forth between the rebel delegation near Geneva and Evian.

Newsmen ran into a temporary communications blackout when saboteurs cut a coaxial cable between Evian and Paris.

In Geneva, Swiss officials established an elaborate two-way closed television circuit for rebel delegation news conferences. The rebels sat in their wellguarded villa, about five miles away, and their images showed up on a big screen in press headquarters.

The Swiss feared that if the rebels came through town to the press head-quarters they would be targets of assassins. Even the sight of the rebels on the screen unnerved Swiss security officials in the press house. They stood at the door of the news conference room checking credentials and watching any suspicious move in the crowd.

When AP London photographer Leslie Priest and Levy went to the rebel villa with a long-lens camera that looked like an artillery piece, steel-helmeted Swiss soldiers with submachine guns came to peer through the apparatus to make sure it wasn't a weapon.

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